

## LOCAL BOY TO JOIN WESTERN BASEBALL CLUB

Dempsey, Rock Island Football, Basketball and Baseball Star, Has Departed.

SIGNED AS FIRST SACKER

Has Brilliant Athletic Career as Member of Last Year's Independent Grid Team.

Leland "Stump" Dempsey, former Rock Island high school football, basketball and baseball star, left last night at 10:30 for Pendleton, Ore., where he will join the Portland club of the Pacific Coast International league, in training at that place.

Dempsey will try to hold down the initial sack for the coast leaguers, and according to the dope of the wise ones here on the national pastime, the Rock Island boy will demonstrate to the westerners some real baseball.

Last winter in the local high school, Dempsey gained state-wide fame on the gridiron and the basketball floor. During the last year Dempsey attended the Bradley college at Peoria, and while there proved a sensation on the gridiron. The following clipping from a Peoria daily gives an idea of the Rock Island boy's standing in the ranks of grid stars of the "Little Nineties."

"The biggest surprise of the 'Little Nineties' conference football season was recorded when Bradley walloped Illinois State Normal 50-9. A whirlwind offensive with 'Lee' Dempsey, former Rock Island star, at quarterback sent the red and white eleven across for three touchdowns in the first quarter. Dempsey proved to be the main strength of the Peoria team, and made two of three out of every four tackles. He scored two touchdowns from long range and registered a 45-yard dropkick in the closing minutes of play."

Independent Star.

Dempsey was also a member of last year's champion independent of Rock Island, and in the big games clearly demonstrated his ability as one of the best ends in this part of the country. Lee since his back-lash days has been playing baseball and for several years past has been a member of various fast semi-pro clubs of the tri-cities. "Stump" probably will get his first chance in professional ball when the Pacific Coast International opens its season on April 25. The clubs competing on the circuit are: Vancouver, Spokane, Seattle, Butte, Mont., Tacoma and Portland. Local friends of Dempsey have no doubt but that he will make good as the initial station, and he left Peoria with the well wishes of a host of tri-city friends.

## WHITE SOX WIN FROM SOLDIERS

Rules of National Pastime Multiplied Before Howling Mob of Illinois Men.

Houston, Texas, April 4.—Yesterday will live long in the memories of some three thousand boys of the Thirty-third division. Forgetting their Kaiser-getting task for the moment, the wearers of the olive drab from Camp Logan viewed the world champion White Sox in action against a picked soldier team, and while there wasn't much baseball displayed, the boys had a rip-roaring time seeing the rules of the national pastime being multiplied as never before. For appearance's sake the score is given 13 to 7, with the major leaguers out in front.

Practically all of the spectators were Chicago or Illinois boys. A big percentage represented the old Seventh Illinois Infantry, now the One Hundred Eighty ammunition train. These last came to the park in style, riding the four drive wheel steel gasoline chariots, but before many more days will be carrying cannon. The trucks, packed with Uncle Sam's boys, formed a procession fully three blocks in length.

## OLD TIME RIVAL SULLIVAN DIES

Fought John L. for 29 Rounds to Draw, the Only Man to Floor Famous Champion.

Bove, England, April 4.—Another old time publicistic celebrity, the 35th in the short time "passed out" yesterday. After an illness of several months, Charley Mitchell, 57 years old, one time middle weight and heavy weight champion of England, died here of locomotor ataxia, in his time Mitchell probably was the best known of all English fighters. He spent the greater part of his ring career in America, rising to prominence mainly because of his contests with John L. Sullivan, then champion.

### ROUT TO WEST!

New York, April 4.—Colonel Joseph C. Miller left New York yesterday afternoon for Chicago without announcing the location of the Willard-Pulton fight, which will be held July 4.

"It looks very much as if the west would get the bout," he said.

Another offer has been made from Colorado, this one Colorado Springs. It is better than the Denver offer, but this does not mean that the bout will not be held in Denver.

## MIKE AND IKE—THEY LOOK ALIKE



## TRI-CITIES WILL HAVE BASEBALL

Five Teams Represented at Meeting of New League Enthusiasts Held Last Night.

MUST POST A FORFEIT OF \$50

First Game is Scheduled for May 1—Eight Clubs Will Compete in Twenty Contests.

Managers of semi-pro baseball teams of the tri-cities were present at a meeting held last night in Davenport.

The purpose of the gathering was to complete plans for the formation of a tri-city semi-pro baseball league, which will offer followers of the national pastime in these parts a chance to patronize their favorite sport during the summer months.

Lee Fuller, manager of the Muscatine Vogler Jewels, was present last evening and requested a franchise for his club. After much discussion it was granted and a resolution was adopted to invite one Clinton Independent to also enter the tri-city league. Clubs represented last night were the Island City and the Woodmen of the Worlds of Rock Island, the East Davenport Boosters, the Davenport Overlanders, and the Vogler Jewels of Muscatine. Three more clubs are being sought, and it is possible that the Federals of Moline and an East Moline baseball organization will be induced to cast their lot with the new enterprise.

## THEATRE

In the Movies. Spencer Square Today, Friday and Saturday, Billie Burke in "Eve's Daughter." Also Pathe news tonight, and Sunshine comedy, "Hungry Lions in a Hospital," Friday and Saturday.

Majestic—Tonight, Edith Storey in "The Legion of Death" (seven parts), magazine, Friday, Constancia Talmadge in "The Shuttle," also Keystone comedy.

Black Hawk—Tonight, Ruth Roland in "The Sin of Innocence" and a comedy, Friday, Kathleen Williams and House Peters in "The Highway of Hope."

At the Majestic. Several of the famous Denishawn dancers appear in elaborate scenes in "The Legion of Death," a Metro special production de luxe, starring Edith Storey, which will be shown at the Majestic theatre tonight. The Denishawn dancers are the pupils of Ruth St. Denis and Ted Shawn, who are well known for their radical ideas. In "The Legion of Death" they perform at a gala ball in an elaborate and massive setting, representing rooms in a Russian royal palace in Petrograd, preceding the revolution.

Most of the dancers who appear in this Metro production have been with Ruth St. Denis and Ted Shawn for years, and the effectiveness of their dancing in these scenes adds materially to the many artistic qualities of the picture. These dancers with their brilliant life are in effective contrast to the stirring political events that follow.

At the Columbia. Featuring at the Columbia Thursday for three days is Mimi M. Cronin, spectacular electrical novelty, with Mimi Juliette, premier dancer; originated and made by Mimi Cronin, and is very educational, amusing and interesting. A spectacular bit of pantomime gorgeousness. There are eight clever dancers with this offering and also beautiful scenery. When an acrobatic number can gain the decision over the balance of really good bills it must be "some act," and it is. Such are the decisions handed down by the "Three Melvin Bros." world's most sensational gymnasts, and deservedly so. No better acrobatic act exists today. Danny Simmons, a happy, smiling chap, with

Teams entering the organization must post a \$50 cash forfeit, guaranteeing their appearance during the entire season, and this deposit must be handed over on or before April 10. It is planned to play the first game on May 1, and continue throughout the regular baseball season. A 20-game schedule will be arranged, with eight clubs competing.

The nominating committee at last night's meeting named Howard Power of Davenport, vice president of the White Lily company, as president of the new organization, and Arthur Blakemore of Davenport, former secretary of the Davenport Manufacturers' league, as vice president. Art Salzmann of Rock Island was named as secretary and treasurer.

Manager Whistler of the Island City and Manager Gorman of the Woodmen of the World nine were appointed to secure officials for the coming season. It is planned to ask the services of Art Salzmann of this city as one of the league umpires. It was decided to hold the next meeting of the league men on Monday night of next week.

## VISSER WILL MEET M'CARTHY IN BOUT

Pete Visser, Palmer school heavyweight wrestling star, will meet Jack McCarthy, boxer and wrestler, in a finish match, best two out of three falls, at the Burtis theatre in Davenport on the night of April 11. Visser recently disposed of the "Terrible Turk," Bob Monagoff of Chicago, in easy fashion before wrestling fans of the Plow City.

Low Tendler had the better of Irish Patsy Cline in a six-round bout at Philadelphia.

## LOOMIS TO RACE WARD SATURDAY

Kings of Speedsters Will Meet in Athletic Carnival at Great Lakes Station.

STEPPERS OF FAME ENTERED

Everything To Be Free—Jackies Are Making Plans for the Time of Their Lives.

Chicago, April 4.—Great Lakes' track and field classic in the Camp Dewey drill hall Saturday promises to excel all past athletic carnivals of this nature staged in the middle west in years, for its many novel features. Chief among innovations is the fact that everything is free. There is absolutely no charge to or in the meet.

Programs, which usually fetch a dime, will be passed out without charge. The Great Lakes jacks band of 600 pieces will play and several companies of sailors will comport themselves in drill formation for the benefit of the hundreds who are expected to come up from Chicago. Furthermore, everyone is welcome to partake of real navy "chow" if so inclined. This is also gratis.

The meet is by no means a secondary affair. In fact, Charles A. Dean, president of the A. A. C., has classed it as the most important track event of the season. With the exception of the far eastern steppers, every athlete of repute in the west is entered.

The entrance of Earl Giffilan of Notre Dame gives the spectators a chance to view the all-around whiz of the year in action. He recently won the individual championship at the University of Illinois relay games and according to Coach Rockne of the South Bend, is primed to repeat in this affair. If he does, N. D. should come close to the top in the point standing.

### Rivals To Compete.

The dash meeting between Andy Ward of Great Lakes and Jo Loomis of Camp Grant is one of the star attractions. These men always have been rivals and now it will be up to them to uphold the standard of their service branch. Another corking meeting will be the clash of Jole Ray, Eddie Fall, George Otis and McCosh in the mile.

Packey Swartz, famous navy cook, will play host at a dinner for Chicago sporting writers who will report the games.

## RUSSELL FINALLY SIGNS CONTRACT

Chicago, April 4.—Rep. Russell, the last of the holdouts, has signed his White Sox contract.

After refusing to accompany the Sox to Mineral Wells on their training trip, after going as far as the depot the night the train pulled out for Texas, because he was unable to agree on salary terms with Manager Rowland, Russell met Owner Comiskey as per appointment, at the South Side offices yesterday, and after a 10-minute conference affixed his name to a Pale Hose contract. He will leave tonight and join the Sox in Dallas Saturday.

The rebel has been doing light training since he quit the Sox train in a huff, and he says he will be ready to take his regular turn on the slab in a week. He was bothered with a sore arm all last season, there being a crook in the elbow of his pitching arm. Doctors ordered him to carry a heavy weight in his left hand continually to pull the arm back into its natural shape, and Russell says he has been following the doctors' orders all winter. This spring, he says, the arm doesn't hurt him when he throws.

### CALLS FOR BIDS.

Sealed proposals will be received at the mayor's office, Rock Island, Ill., until 10 a. m., April 13, 1918, for the building known as the old No. 3 hose house, located at Thirty-first street and Seventh avenue. Submit bids as follows: For building complete with plumbing fixtures; for building without plumbing fixtures; and for plumbing fixtures. City reserves right to reject any or all bids.

WILLIAM MC CONOCHIE, Mayor.

## Bits o' Sport

Chicago, April 4.—Charles E. Brickle, famous dropkicker for Harvard, was enrolled in the naval reserve at Boston.

Perry McGilivray, competing for the Great Lakes naval training station, won the National A. A. U. 50-yard swimming championship at Chicago, time 24.4-5 seconds. The Great Lakes team now leads with 10 points in the indoor national championship series.

Minneapolis, Minn., April 4.—The 10-round boxing contest scheduled here tonight between Billy Miske of St. Paul and Tom Cowley, English heavyweight, has been postponed until next Monday night because of Cowley's illness, according to an announcement made here yesterday. Cowley was confined to his bed yesterday with a severe attack of grip.

When Bryan Downey meets Jack Malone, the new welterweight sensation from St. Paul, tonight at Fort Sheridan, to decide which shall engage Ted Lewis in a championship elimination match, there is every indication that the post gymnasium will be packed. The advance sale has been the biggest for any contest decided around Chicago this season.

Malone, as a result of his quick knockout of Eddie Moran, Ray Long, and Young Denny, has been made a 7 to 5 favorite, although Downey is not lacking for backers.

Downey came to town yesterday and dispelled doubts as to his condition, appearing to be in good shape.

## NORMOYLES WIN VOLLEY SERIES

Victors Meet the Stewarts in Postponed Volley Ball Contest Tomorrow Noon.

The Normoyles bested the Muelers in three out of four of a series of four volley ball games in the business men's tournament at Young Men's Christian association.

The scores were: Normoyles 15, Muelers 13; Muelers 15, Normoyles 15; Muelers 8, Normoyles 15; Muelers 4.

The next match in the tourney was played at noon today, when the Normoyles met the Stewarts in a contest postponed from last Saturday. The usual game will be played at 8 p. m. in which the Searies clash with the Landgrens.

## NOYE REFUSES TO BOX RITCHIE HERE

Promoter "Peanuts" Schiebel of the All-Star Athletic club, received word late last night from Johnny Noye, the St. Paul boxer, that he could not meet Mitchell before Schiebel's club on April 17. Noye states that he battles Johnny Dundee at Des Moines on the 26th of this month and does not want to tackle a tough boy like Ritchie before that date. Peanuts also got a wire from Mitchell stating that he was ready to fight any man and at any time that the All-Star man decides. Local fight fans demand a real boxing card for this next show, and it is likely that Schiebel will want to Chicago and Milwaukee to look 'em over in order to sign a boy of class to show before local bugs. Peanuts is especially fit to judge scrappers, and the wisest move he could make would be to journey forth and sign some flashy battlers for his card April 17.

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## KILBANE WILL TEACH BOXING

Featherweight Champion Has Been Placed in General Charge at All Army Camps.

Camp Sherman, Chillicothe, Ohio. Johnny Kilbane of Cleveland, featherweight boxing champion, who has had charge of boxing instruction in all military camps, according to word received here.

Kilbane will install the Camp Sherman system in the other camps and will go personally to Camps Grant and Custer. Camp Sherman is reported to be the only camp in the country where every man has been taught boxing.

### SPEEDWAY MEN MEET.

Chicago, April 4.—The executive committee of the American Speedway association, who have been in session here for two days, finished their deliberations yesterday afternoon. Tentative plans were worked out and decided on for the 1918 season, but before making the same final it was decided that the executive committee of the A. S. A. ascertain the exact status of the contest board of the American Automobile association in regard to the 1918 season, as no official advice has been received from them since January.

### LIGHT TRAINING FOR JESS.

Jess Willard, he might now be termed the "horseless champion of the world," returned to Chicago Tuesday from Baltimore, where he passed nearly a week in the pleasant pastime of selling his stable of circus horses to the government. Part of his time he spent with Colonel J. C. Miller, who is promoting his scrap with Fred Fulton, billed for July 4.

The big fellow immediately hurried to Rogers Park after unbarring himself of the information he knew of nothing new in the fighting game. "That's all up to Colonel Miller now," Willard said. "Miller is back in New York looking for a fight."

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## "The Legion of Death"

ALSO MAJESTIC SCREEN MAGAZINE

ing over a bunch of offers and trying to figure out whether it would be best to stage the bout in the east or the west."

## BILLY PAPKE TO 'COME BACK'

Kewanee, Ill., April 4.—Billy Papke, one time world's champion middleweight boxer, will return to the ring Saturday night for the benefit of the Red Cross. Papke will meet Eddie McGorty of Oshkosh in a six-round bout. Other features on the benefit card are Al Stanley vs. Steve Herrick, both of Kewanee, six rounds at 145 pounds; Tom Brady of Kewanee, now at Great Lakes naval training station, vs. Kid Martin of La Salle, four rounds at 122 pounds.

All the news all the time—The Argus.

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